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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 8 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2000/1156)

Briefing by Mr. Kamel Morjane, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Other matters

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1445th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON GENERAL ISSUES ON SANCTIONS

4.15 p.m.-6.30 p.m.	14th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

83rd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

10 a.m.

1. Observance of the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

2. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on its work during 2000 (A/55/23 (Parts I-III))

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/72 and Corr.1, A/55/303, A/55/497)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.58, A/55//23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7 and H-para. 8)

3. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/568) [82]

4. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/569) [83]

5. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/570) [84]

6. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/571) [85]

7. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/572) [86]

8. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/573) [87]

9. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/574) [88]

10. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/575) [89 and 18]

11. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/576) [90 and 12]

12. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/577) [91]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/55/578) [18]

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/55/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7 and H-para. 8, A/55/L.58) [18]

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c))

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: Trade and development [92 (a)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.29 and L.61

2. Macroeconomic policy questions: Commodities [92 (b)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.28 and L.62

3. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation: Cultural development [94 (c)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.10 and L.60

4. Environment and sustainable development: Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 [95 (a)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.15 and L.58

5. Environment and sustainable development: Water supply and sanitation [95 (c)] (A/55/65-E/2000/19)

6. Environment and sustainable development: Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States [95 (d)] (A/55/185)

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.21 and L.59

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.30 and L.57

7. Training and research [97]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.35 and L.56 (Programme budget implications in A/C.2/55/L.49)

8. Globalization and interdependence [100]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.36 and L.63

9. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [102]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.43/Rev.1

10. Macroeconomic policy questions: External debt crisis and development [92 (c)]

    Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.38 [and future L.64]*

11. Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 2000 and 2001 (A/C.2/55/L.40)

12. Closure of the fifty-fifth session of the Second Committee

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations (A/55/11 and Corr.1)) and 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

11 a.m. - 12 noon	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430 and A/AC.172/2000/6))

12 noon - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (United Nations pension system (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481))

3 p.m.*- 6 .30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 127 (Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/54/120, A/55/517 and Add.1, A/55/623, A/55/642, A/55/5/Add.12 and A/55/487)) and 128 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/52/784, A/55/512 and Corr.1 and Add.1, A/55/622, A/55/643, A/55/5/Add.11 and A/55/487))

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON AGREEMENT ON
THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE COURT

11 a.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE UNITED NATIONS

Morning* - 1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

* Immediately following the Working Group on Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the Court.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft reports

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution A/55/L.38 under item 20 (a) will be conducted *today*, 8 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Announcements

Background information on the draft provisional outcome document of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children can be obtained by interested delegations from the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-5143 or 963-2356). It will also be available at the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/specialsession/).

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The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429; or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) announced the launching of a Web site on the International Year of the Mountains, 2002 (IYM), proclaimed by the General Assembly in resolution 53/24. This Web site can be accessed from the FAO home page (www.fao.org) or directly at the following address: www.mountains2002.org

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 8 December 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE
PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

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Informal consultations

The Co-Chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development will hold informal consultations on preparations for the second session of the Group of Experts *today*, 8 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Open to all delegations and non-governmental organizations.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) will be held *today*, 8 December 2000, at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Russian Federation Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/russia.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, 9 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.-4 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Monday, 11 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m. *	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Monday, 11 December 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development, under item 20 (a), will be conducted by Brazil, on Monday, 11 December 2000, in Conference Room 6, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg).

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The Open-Ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters Related to the Security Council will hold its first meeting for the fifty-fifth session on Tuesday morning 12 December 2000, following the adjournment of the General Assembly, on organizational matters (appointment of vice-chairmen).

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet in Conference Room 7 as follows: Monday, 11 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 12 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 13 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 15 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal panel

There will be an informal panel dialogue at the level of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Development" on Wednesday, 13 December 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri (Finland), President of the General Assembly. Introductory comments will be made by H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), President of the Economic and Social Council, followed by keynote addresses by Mr. Patrizio Civili, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Dr. Mamphela Ramphele, Managing Director of the World Bank, and Mr. Mark Malloch-Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme. There will also be short prepared comments by delegations from the floor, followed by free dialogue.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM) of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 December 2000 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

First regular session for 2001

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 22 to 26 January 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 15 January 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (22-26 January 2001) will take place on Monday, 8 January 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (on agenda item 173) on Monday, 11 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Interested States established in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures) on Tuesday, 12 December 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room D. The meeting will review the status of undergoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. The meeting is open to all interested delegations.

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Hearings

As requested by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, hearings with the business sector will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-4451). The list of panellists and their presentations are available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/NGO/1200hear/panellist2.htm).

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), organized by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union, will take place on Monday, 11 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000 , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 7 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [127]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [128]

The Committee continued its consideration of these agenda items.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these agenda items.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these agenda items would begin the same day, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Merchant (Norway).

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.11 introduced by the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, at the 34th meeting held on Monday, 4 December 2000.

The representative of Côte d'Ivoire, coordinator of informal consultations on this agenda item, informed the Committee on the results of the informal consultations.

The representative of the United States made a statement and requested that a recorded vote in one block be taken on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 14.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2, 3 and 14 of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.11 which were retained by a recorded vote of 68 votes to 3 with 35 abstentions.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Nepal made statements.

The representative of the United States then requested that a recorded vote be taken on the draft resolution as a whole.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.11 as a whole, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 109 to 3.

Statements in explanation of position after the vote were made by the representatives of Japan, France (on behalf of the European Union), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Lebanon and Israel.

The representatives of Viet Nam, Bahrain and Slovenia also made statements.

Other matters

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and owing to technical problems experienced during the first screening of the films "Behind the Walls" and "Despite the Odds" on 29 November, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged for a second screening of the films, to be held *today*, 8 December 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, presents a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will remain in display at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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